



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. VII.BU.  
9/1/2015

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Public Project Reimbursement Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company to provide initial feasibility study services to identify necessary infrastructure requirements to enable proposed passenger train operation on the Union Pacific Railroad Company–owned corridor between NE 10th and North Sooner Road and the Santa Fe Station on E.K. Gaylord Boulevard, not to exceed \$50,000. Ward 7.

### Background

The Iowa Pacific Railroad (IPRR) has obtained the right to operate passenger rail service between Sapulpa and Oklahoma City with the service line currently terminating at NE 10th and North Sooner Road. Iowa Pacific currently plans to connect passengers to Bricktown via shuttle busses that will run between the end of the line and Bricktown. However, they recognize that for any passenger service to be successful, it will need to terminate in Downtown or Bricktown, preferably at the Santa Fe Station. In April, representatives of the IPRR and the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) met with City staff to discuss the feasibility of this connection. It was determined at that time that the use of UPRR lines would be the most efficient method of terminating at the Santa Fe Station if they meet all of the requirements. These requirements can only be determined by UPRR as they are the owner of the rail and accompanying right-of-way. The agreement for the evaluation of feasibility and identification of infrastructure requirements is presented for City Council consideration.

Cost Not to exceed \$50,000

Source of Funds General Fund – General Operations - Public Transportation and Parking – Executive Leadership – Miscellaneous Services Contract (001-0001-5200101-52010028)

Review Public Transportation and Parking Department

Recommendation: Agreement be approved.